



Region 3 Ohio History Day | March 7, 2020 Winners by Category

Junior Group Documentary

First Place

Roberto Clemente, A Major League Legend, Whose Head First Humanitarian Slide Broke the Barriers of Prejudice and the Stereotypes of Athletes

Naoki Sato and Reyna Uechi

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

Second Place

From the Atlantic Wall to the Rhine: The Ghost Army's Deceptions to Break Through Germany's Barriers

Eashan Kosaraju and Omar Elbadawy

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Third Place

A Cryptography Miracle: The Unbreakable Barrier of the Navajo Code Talkers

Aanya Lakireddy and Siya Lakireddy

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

Honorable Mention

Dorothea Dix: Liberating the Mentally Ill From Misery by Breaking Barriers of Public and Political Judgement

Nadia Milovich and Fatema Dinary

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller



Senior Group Documentary

First Place

Fighting Side by Side: The Story of President Harry Truman's Initiative to Integrate the Armed Forces

Samuel Grube, Avery Maytin and William Corbin

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Roberto Clemente: A Star On and Off the Field

Rachel Coxon, Olivia Peebles, Carly Gimbel

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Konopinski

Third Place

Breaking the Barriers of Climate Change in Higher Education: Oberlin College's Approach to Sustainable Development

Emma Kim, Daria Martz and Greta Arbogast

School: Oberlin High School

Teacher(s): Donna Shurr

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Jackie Robinson, Breaking the Color Barrier: Baseball to the American Civil Rights Movement

Daniel Wise and Michael Grobelny

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Second Place

U.S. Colored Troops: Breaking Racial Barriers during the Civil War

Colin Bennett, Shwetan Varanasi, Michael Enders and Adam Thompson

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place

Breaking Barriers in Naval Technology: The USS Monitor vs the CSS Virginia



Cehan Ahmad and Daniel Bowles
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Honorable Mentions

Dian Fossey: No One Loved Gorillas More
Piper Satola and Scotland Satola
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Sesame Street- 50 Years and Counting
Evan Mlachak and Ethan Lewis
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Chuck Yeager- Breaking the Sound Barrier
Connor Fleming and Crosby Rush
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Madam CJ Walker: Breaking Barriers and African American Businesswoman
Siena Maschke and Rebekah Gordon
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

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Shaker Heights: The Road to Idealizing and Realizing the Suburban Dream
Agatha Augustine, Grace Fraser and Mia Compton-Engle
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

"I Believe in Cleveland"
Jonathan Brinkley, Nora Konrad and Nichele Abeyesundere
School: Shaker Heights High School



Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Third Place

Jackie Cochran: Aviation's Heroine

Leela Khatri, Aziza Khatri, Katharine Fraser and Daniel Tcheurekdjian

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Honorable Mentions

Ida B. Wells

Katie Rusnak and Samantha Sekeres

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Dorothea Dix and Breaking Mental Illness Stigma

Kiera Ahern, Kristen Zak, Cassidy Yesko and Grace Kandrach

School: Lutheran West

Teacher(s): David Ressler

Junior Group Performance

First Place

Viva La Causa! Dolores Huerta's Battle to Break the Barrier of Inequality for the Migrant Farmworkers

Camille Boyer, Nasreen Shakur and Sofia Boyd

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Second Place

The Japanese American Internment Camps: Creating a Home Behind the Barrier of Barbed Wire

Fiona Boyd, Audrey Ronayne and Mariana Del Rio

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

Third Place

Nellie Bly: Breaking Through the Barrier of Society's Expectations

Su-Kyi Ng, Brookie Gemechu and Isabella Bixler



School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Senior Group Performance

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Martha Graham In her own words

Cody Englander, Madeleine Mckenney, Henry Harte, and Lydia Vadnal

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Billie Jean King: Breaking Barriers On and Off the Court

Lucy Dale, Marie York, Olivia Kuhel, and Ruby Cover

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

Third Place

Blowing the Lid of the Soviet Union: How Chernobyl Led to the Collapse of the USSR

Maria Krouse and Anna Welsh

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

Junior Group Website

First Place

The Visual Arts of the Harlem Renaissance: Chiseling Away at Racial Barriers and Painting a New Future for Black Artists

Rebecca Chin and Abby Gemechu

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Second Place

The Tuskegee Airmen: Breaking Through Clouds of Prejudice and Segregated Units

Dilan Nadkarni, Ryan Vaziri, and Omar Issa

School: Birchwood School Of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino



Third Place

Manhattan Project (The Making of the First Atomic Bomb)

Grant Doeringer and Landon Wall-D

School: Christian Community School

Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Senior Group Website

First Place

The Ambiguous Frontier

Sebastian Schomerus, Oscar Chapnick, Marcel Prochoroff and Maclin Stupay

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

The Establishment of Yellowstone National Park

Owen Bang, Gage Weingart, William Welsh and John Yasinsky

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Third Place

Breaking Barriers: Flying High with Jacqueline Cochran

Asher Cipinko and Ewan Inglis

School: Oberlin High School

Teacher(s): Donna Shurr

Junior Individual Documentary

First Place

Ohio's Barrier- Breaking Physician: The Story of Myra King Merrick

Angela D'Souza

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

Second Place

The First Opium War: Britain's Excuse to Shatter China's Commerce Barrier Against the Foreign World



Qiwen Wu
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Third Place

The Manhattan Project: The Chain Reaction that Broke the Research and Secrecy Barriers
Nikhil Mahajan
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Senior Individual Documentary

First Place

Renee Richards
Rain Jocas
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Second Place

One man's Vulgarity is Another Man's Lyric: Skywalker Records, Inc v. Navarro and Freedom of Speech
Hunter Amos
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Third Place

Lighting the Torch: The 54th Massachusetts Infrantry Regiment
Ben Witt
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Junior Individual Exhibit

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Powering Print: Johannes Gutenberg and the Printing Press
Leah Dragmen
School: St. Barnabas School



Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Second Place

Breaking the Sound Barrier

Jack Bellar

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place

Nellie Bly: Journalist & Activist

Annie Fuhrer

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Honorable Mentions

Rebecca Lee Crumpler: First African American Doctor

Grant Squires

School: Langston Middle School

Teacher(s): Alison Smith

Josephine Baker- Dancing Her Way Past Racial Barriers and Serving the Country She Loved

Moriah Armstrong

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller

"The Sensational Development of Eliminating Sensation"

Kaden Drake

School: Christian Community School

Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Sandra Day O'Connor- Raising the Bar: Breaking Gender Barriers to become the "FWOTSC"

Eden Fitzpatrick

School: St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Senior Individual Exhibit



First Place

Title IX: How America's Girls Got in the Game

Abby Harper

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Kursk: The Last Barrier on the Eastern Front

Sam Johnson

School: Christian Community School

Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Third Place

Staying Steadfast in the Suffocating Space of Segregation

Brooke Williams

School: Christian Community School

Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Honorable Mentions

William J. Powell: Building a Course for the Future

Kat Moorman

School: Christian Community School

Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

The French Resistance

John Maloney

School: Strongsville High School

Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Junior Individual Performance

First Place

Breaking the Barriers in Rock and Roll: Alan Freed

Madeleine Nowakowski

School: Menlo Park Academy

Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady



Second Place

Harriet Quimby: Flying Past Barriers
Piper Kennedy
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Third Place

Ain't No Mountain High Enough To Keep Motown from Braking Barriers
Saumya Mahajan
School: Revere Middle School
Teacher(s): Dawn Cancelliere

Senior Individual Performance

First Place

Carol Burnett: Running With the Big Dogs
Mary Grace Wilkinson
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Ella!: Rags to Rhythm
Daisy Kennedy
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Junior Individual Website

First Place

Women Flying Through Gender Barrier: The 1929 Women's Air Race
Navya Chauhan
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Second Place

Nellie Bly: Breaking Barriers for Women in Journalism



Aashvi Kenia
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place

Charles Lindbergh, 1927 first solo flight across the Atlantic
John Mendoza
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Senior Individual Website

First Place

Eradication Smallpox: How Scientists Broke Social-Political and Geographic Barriers to Eliminate a Killer
Vaishavi V Nayak
School: Mayfield High School
Teacher(s): Rachael Streitman

Second Place

Extinguishing Divergence: The Burned Books of 1933 Nazi Germany
Faith Rider
School: Strongsville High School
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Third Place

Rosalind Franklin: Breaking Barriers to Discover DNA's Structure through X-Ray Crystallography
Alison Zhong
School: Strongsville High School
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Junior Paper

First Place

The Discovery of Penicillin: Breaking Through the Barrier of Limited Scientific Imagination and Opening the Door to Unlimited Medical Discoveries
Areesha Nouman



School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Second Place

Frida Kahlo: Breaking Barriers by Painting through Pain

Samyuktha Iyer

School: Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Third Place

Breaking Racial Barriers: Mohandas Gandhi and his Fight against Indian Disfranchisement and his Fight for Civil rights for Indians in South Africa

Neelesh Gupta

School: Dover Intermediate School

Teacher(s): Linda Worthington

Senior Paper

First Place

Biblical Adversaries Break Down Barriers: The Camp David Accords

Hazel Smith

School: Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Breaking Barriers: The Indian Caste System

Shubh Thakkar

School: Strongsville High School

Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Third Place

Changes in Fashion in the 1950s and their Implications to the Feminism

Zhiyi Wu

School: Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan



Champ's Pick Award Winners

Benjamin Carson

Tabitha Blankenship and Vincent Eveland
Junior Individual Documentary
School: Kirtland Middle School
Teacher(s): Heidi Grunenberg

Harriet's Story

Jordyn Brand and Giavonnah Hill
Junior Group Performance
School: Monticello Middle School
Teacher(s): Sharae Durrah

Rock and Roll for a Cause: Live Aid, 1985

Laura Kressler and Grace Suhadolnik
Senior Group Website
School: Rocky River High School
Teacher(s): Sara Ziemnik

Women in World War II

Emma Van Ginkel
Junior Individual Exhibit
School: Seton Catholic School
Teacher(s): Christine Bielecki

Karamu Theater Breaks Racial Barriers in Casting

Karen Sawires, Viviana Simon, and Kiley Kobie
Junior Group Performance
School: St. Anthony of Padua School
Teacher(s): Jasminne Wessel